



## The Daily Standard.

Friday February 16, 1873.

There are two bills now before the Legislative Assembly relating to gold mining and the mineral lands of the country, each of them calculated to exert an influence upon the mining interests of the country, for the better or for the worse. The mining laws of this Province are very defective, and not at all adapted to the necessities of our mining population, is the avowed opinion of every intelligent miner with whom we have conversed upon the subject. The present laws were never what they should have been, but in the early days of our mining history, their liberal character was not so keenly felt, for the reason that placer diggings were more easily obtained than they are at present, and the expense of working was a mere nothing compared with what it is now. We have frequently written on this subject, and we always have established the fact that the mining laws of this country, as compared with the mining laws of older countries, are in many essential points defective and inconvenient, calculated to attract miners possessing capital to seek their means in the development of our mineral resources. British Columbia is admitted to be one of the richest mineral countries on the entire Pacific slope, and if our legislators could only be induced to take a broad and comprehensive view of the subject, and adapt their legislation to the wants of the mining community and to govern so far as local circumstances would permit by the example of older countries, we see no reason why the mineral resources of British Columbia should not be just as profitable to the miner and capitalist as other countries and districts adjacent to us. The days of cheap mining are over in this Province, and hence the legislation of the country should be directed toward the encouragement of capitalists to come amongst us. This can only be done by giving more proprietary rights to the claims they take up, upon similar conditions to those given in California and other American States and Territories. If that were done, and we hope it will be done in this session, there can be no doubt that within a comparatively short period millions of capital would find its way into British Columbia seeking investment in our beds of gold and silver, thereby giving employment to a large mining population, and adding immensely to the revenue of the country.

The following, taken from the Caribbean Standard, at the City of Georgetown, on the subject of reform in our mining laws, we reproduce for the information of our readers generally, and for the members of the legislature, particularly: "It occurred to us last session that after the important reform in the Mining Law, engrossing with the Chief Commissioners and passed at the last session of Parliament, that at least we might adopt the *rest-and-be-thankful* policy; but we are now convinced that stagnation is decay, and we would maintain the proud position we have hitherto held, we must adapt our laws to our altered circumstances, and by a wise and prudent liberality offer such inducements to miners that their profits gain may be commensurate with their actual outlay. We are prompted to this idea by observing the enormous expenditure in money propping up claims with nothing but surface indications, and perhaps discoveries in the neighborhood, to warrant their outlay. One company on Lightning Creek has already expended about \$30,000 in prospecting 1500 feet of ground—an expenditure together disproportionate to the result, even if it should prove successful, and require extensive outlay. In this case, we have to, to such an extent, that water has been incurred for the known richness of the creek, wherever companies have succeeded in working the deep channel. It is in vain to expect miners to disburse such sums to prospect over hundred feet of ground on creeks not so well known, but likely to be rich. All our usually worked ground has been tried, and in most cases exhausted, and the old Caribbean known no where, except the Andes, a newly prospected spot. This being a spirit already visible, and growing fast with miners to locate more than 100 feet to the man, and all the well known expedients are adopted, to attain that end. It would be far better, if possible, to have a legislative measure, securing the claim to the pre-emptor when a certain amount of work has been performed for a given time, or an equivalent amount of machinery placed upon the ground, a *rest-and-be-thankful* policy, against locking up mineral lands in the hands of those who would speculate for the purpose of speculation. Such an alteration in the Mining Law would induce some of the moderate miners to invest their money and labor in mining, with the knowledge that with the volume to be successful, the moment one grade opens a business like principle, and with a fair chance of a profitable return. It would be well if miners would still further apply the well understood principles of co-operation. A large amount of time, money and labor would be saved if the energies of several companies were devoted to attaining a satisfactory result in one claim on an unexplored creek, instead of trifling away money in several different places, without any satisfactory conclusion in most instances being arrived at. The day of isolation is past. Small companies of three or four men can no longer undertake the kind of work required on these creeks believed to be good, and known to be expensive to prospect—Caribbean creeks, for example. It is therefore, more than ever necessary that men combine in larger bodies for mutual assistance, and sink trifling jealousies for

the common good. This might be written on this subject, but we have dealt with it only on general principles. The probability is that at the next session of the legislature some action will be taken in the matter, as it is one of great importance, not only to Cariboo, but to the whole Province. Our duty is performed if we but awaken our miners to take an interest in the subject. No one doubts that there are large tracts of untouched mineral lands awaiting only the expenditure of money and labor to make them profitable. We shall be glad of any suggestion as to the best means to adopt whereby regions that are at present the home of the beaver and the marten, may be turned into busy bives of industry, with an industrious and thriving population."

**Great Banquet.**—By the steamer Prince Alfred, Messrs. TUNNIS, EASTON & TURNBULL have received an arrival of goods from London, which have been bought much under estimate to a very large stock of Silver and Black Yak Laces, which are now the height of fashion in Europe. A small assortment of Scotch Embroideries, a full assortment of Quilted Satin Shirts which are worn with Quaarkshirts or Polonaise and are, the general costume in London and Paris this season. Also Roman Scarfs and Shawls, etc. The steamer's cargo is now over half the usual price. T. E. T. have also received new designs in Carpets and Rugs, Patent Umbrellas, Down Quilts, Evening Flowers, etc., and a variety of other goods.

**Lost.**—  
On Monday night last a brown dog, 14 lbs. weight, supposed to have strayed from the Victoria Hotel, was found in the back yard of the Hotel on the Macpherson Road. The owner will be greatly relieved by applying to this office and returning the dog to us. *Victoria Standard*

**For Lease—A Farm.**—  
SITUATED WITHIN ONE-AND-A-HALF MILES OF VICTORIA, on a fine, well-drained, level, and well-wooded piece of land, with a fine house, stable, etc., offered for rent. For particulars apply to L. LOWENDER, Government Street.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT  
MRS. WM. TENNANT  
will appear.

**THE LIZABETH**  
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**THE GOLDEN FARMER**  
221 BURKE STREET.

## NOTICE.

FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE  
the undersigned will be responsible for  
the care and management of the  
new Building, in 20th Street, Victoria, with  
C. J. KING.

Victoria, B. C., 10th Feb., 1873.

J. C. TRACY.

AUCTIONER & COMMISSION  
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ment Street.

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Specimens collected. Prompt Returns and moderate charges guaranteed.

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AT 10 o'clock A.M.

For account of Canadian and European  
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In lots to Suit Jobbers, large and valuable  
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Hosiery, Shoes, Underclothing, Par-  
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J. C. TRACY, Auctioneer.

Will be held at the

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL  
MARCH 10th.

On Monday, February 24, 1873,

At which time of the city and from

Olympia Avenue, a *Concert* will be given.

BY J. C. TRACY.

Has been instructed by

MRS. THOMAS CARTER,

Of Hill Side Farm,

To Sell on the Premises,

TUESDAY, FEB. 25th,

AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

The whole of her Fine Stock

consisting partly as follows:

Horses, Wagons, Dray Harn-  
ess, Saddles, Farming Implements,

Cattle, Pigs and Poultry,

A large quantity of Hay, Grain, Pot-

atoes and other Vegetables

Also all of her

Household Furniture.

And all the other movable property on

the said premises.

J. C. TRACY,

Auctioneer.

Will be received by me for Stock in

the Canadian-Pacific Railway at

par.

Five per cent. premium will be

allowed on the deposit until allot-

ment shall have been made.

E. L. DEBELLEFEUILLE,

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Auction Sales To Day.

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